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| In re Application of:            | ) | Art Unit:           |
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Contemporaneous with the filing of this case and prior to calculation of the filing fee, kindly amend as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

After the title please insert the following paragraph:

--The present application is a continuation of PCT/EP99/04605, filed 02 July 1999.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 6, line 1, delete "Claims 3-5", and insert therefor --claim 3--.

Claim 9, line 1, delete "claims 8 and 9", and insert therefor --claim 8--.

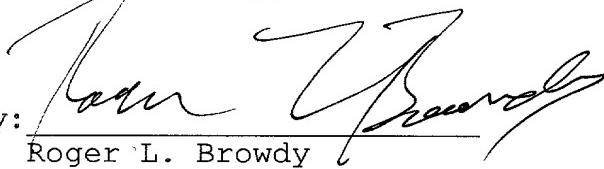
REMARKS

The above amendment to the specification is being made to insert reference to the PCT application of which the present case is a continuation. The above amendments to the claims are being made in order to eliminate any properly multiply dependent claims, for the purpose of reducing the filing fee. Please enter this amendment prior to calculation of the filing fee in this case.

Favorable consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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